SUBJECT No. 177.

Native physicians for rural areas.

Mr. M. Venkatramaiya, Channarayapatna Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Dispensaries are established only in taluk head-quarters. Patients in villages far away from the *kasaba* are put to great hardship. Native physicians may, therefore, be appointed in one big village in each hobli which is more than six miles distant from the taluk *kasaba*.

Reply of Government.—Proposals coming from District Boards in the matter will receive due consideration.

SUBJECT No. 178.

Ayurvedic medical practitioners.

Messrs. C. Vasudeva Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk; and Hussein Sab, Tarikere Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The men dispensing ayurvedic medicine in *vaidyasalas* maintained from District Funds are now treated only as medical practitioners not entitled to the benefits of the Service Regulations. They may be treated as Government servants like other medical men in service.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration in consultation with District Boards and Municipal Councils.

SUBJECT No. 179.

Encouragement to learn indigenous systems of medicines.

Messrs. S. Sitaramiah and S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Hospital Assistants who have a special aptitude and liking to learn the indigenous systems of medicine may be selected and sent to the Calcutta Ayurvedic *Patasala* or other similar institution for study as State scholars. There will then be a happy combination of western and eastern lore and practice in medicine. The Ayurvedic Institution at Mysore is still in its infant stage, and it will take some years before it produces good results.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 180.

Introduction of compulsory vaccination.

Mr. S. Sitaramiah, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Deaths and deformities due to small-pox occur everywhere in the State especially in the malnad where the disease breaks out constantly. Vaccination, which is harmless and effective in preventing the disease, may be declared compulsory in all parts of the State.

Reply of Government.—Vaccination has been made compulsory in many places. It will be made compulsory in other places also in course of time.

SUBJECT No. 181.

Stamping out epidemic diseases.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—A committee should be formed to devise schemes for mitigating or stamping out epidemic and other diseases. Orders have since been passed for the supply of hutting materials, the setting apart of camping grounds, etc. Early effect may be given to these orders.

Reply of Government.—Noted.